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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

The LOVE sculpture is one of Philly's most iconic pieces of public art — Rocky who? — but for decades, it has been painted the wrong color. The city recently completed restoration of the sculpture to its correct hue and will return it to its home in LOVE Park on Tuesday after a grandiose parade from Fairmount Park with pit stops at the city's other famed monuments. Read more on page 6 and at metrophilly.us.

NEW TRUMP BUDGET CUTS DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

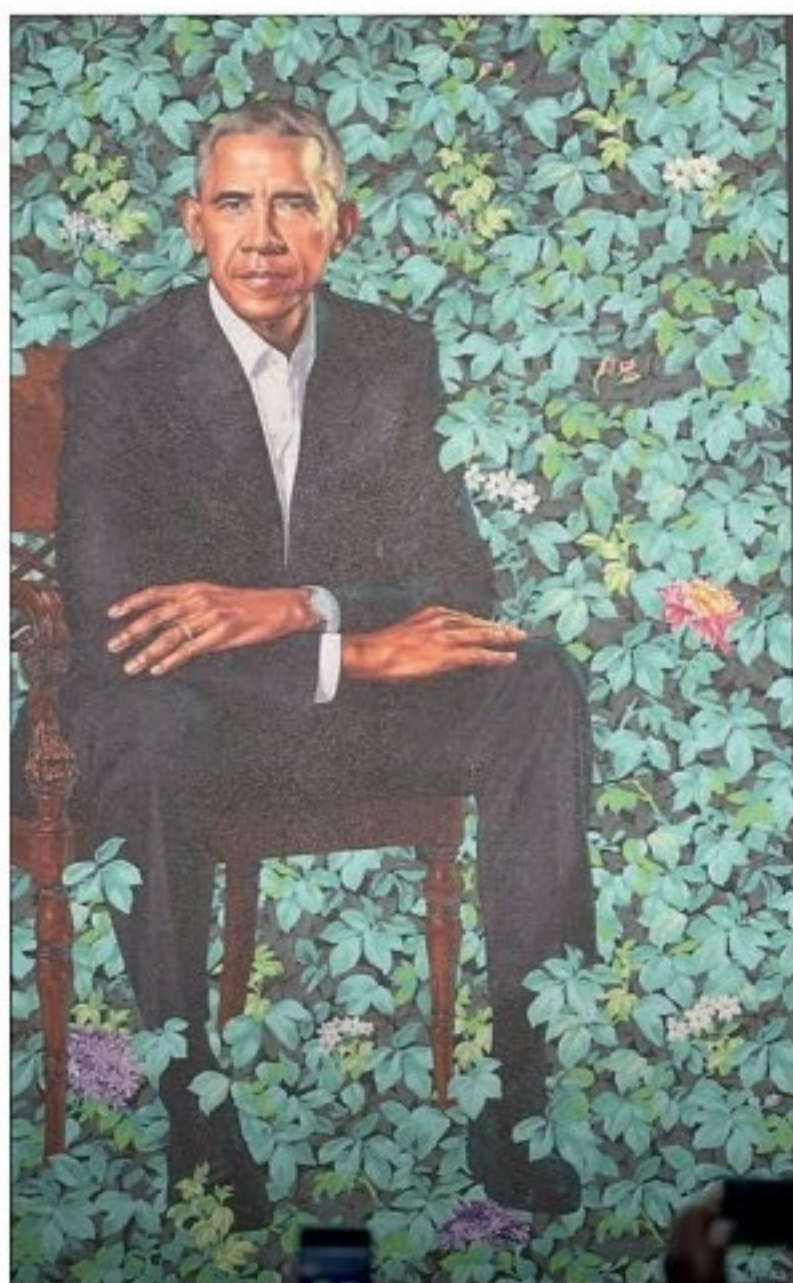
President Donald Trump proposed a budget on Monday that calls for cuts in domestic programs and seeks a sharp increase in military spending and funding for a wall on the Mexican border. Presidential budgets are rarely enacted by the Congress, which controls federal purse strings, but they allow the White House to lay out its priorities for the year. The plan calls for deep cuts in nonmilitary spending that

would lower the federal budget deficit by more than \$3 trillion over 10 years. But those cuts fly in the face of a two-year budget deal passed last week by Congress that raised spending limits on both military and domestic programs by \$300 billion. The Trump budget also calls for overhauling Medicare and Medicaid, two government-funded healthcare programs that are widely popular. Have to be approved by Congress.

TOP DIPLOMAT URGES ACTION ON HARASSMENT

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Monday urged department employees to intervene if they witness sexual harassment, two days after President Donald Trump expressed sympathy for those accused of harassment and not given due process. "There is no form of disrespect for the individual that I can identify, anything more demeaning than for someone to suffer this kind of treatment," he said. "It's not OK if

you're seeing it happening and just look away. You must do something. You must notify someone. You must step in and intervene," Tillerson added, speaking in Cairo to about 150 U.S. embassy staff outside the ambassador's residence. Tillerson's comments came amid a chorus of sexual misconduct accusations against powerful men in media, business and politics that in recent days has reached top aides in the White House.



OBAMAS ATTEND PORTRAIT UNVEILING AT NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama stand next to their newly unveiled portraits during a ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery on Monday in Washington, D.C. The portraits were commissioned by the Gallery. Artist Kehinde Wiley created President Obama's portrait, and Amy Sherald did that of Michelle Obama. **For more on the portrait unveiling, see page 8.**



5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SENATE TO FINALLY DEBATE IMMIGRATION

The Senate was to begin a major, free-for-all immigration debate, its first in nearly five years, on Monday evening that could decide the fate of 700,000 Dreamer immigrants, young people brought into the country illegally years ago as children. Under an order issued last year by President Donald Trump, the Dreamers could be deported after March 5, a deadline that will loom behind the rare Senate

debate, in which no single bill will be the centerpiece and a range of ideas will be in play. By forcing the deadline on Congress with his September order, Trump drove a sharp wedge between Democrats and Republicans on an emotionally charged issue. Despite last week's enactment of a bipartisan budget deal, it was unclear if any immigration bill could cross the Senate's 60-vote hurdle, let alone pass the more conservative House.

INVESTORS STARTING TO LOOK ABROAD

The worst week in the U.S. stock market in two years and benchmark 10-year Treasury yields hitting four-year highs are prompting fund managers to rethink their allocation plans. Among their new plays: international bonds, emerging market stocks and cash. All look poised to gain as investors assess the consequences of more fiscal stimulus as the Federal Reserve prepares to raise interest rates.

"This is uncharted territory," said Kirk Hartman, global chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Asset Management. The turmoil stems from a tug-of-war between monetary and fiscal policies: The Federal Reserve, which is mandated to keep inflation low, and U.S. fiscal policy, which is adding stimulus with a \$1.5 trillion Republican tax cut and an extra \$300 billion over two years in federal spending.

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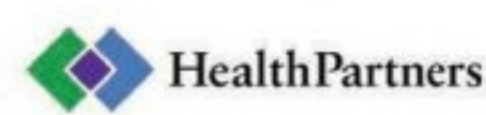
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An aerial view of Holmesburg Prison in Northeast Philly WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Prison guards want safer parking after former inmate attacks officer

A corrections officer, 66, was leaving work when a former prisoner allegedly held him up and tried to steal his car.

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The Philadelphia Corrections officers' union is complaining about safety issues related to parking after a just-released inmate allegedly tried to carjack a guard leaving work on Friday night right outside the jail from which he'd just been released.

Defendant Jamal Bennett, 26, was released from Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility at 8501 State Road around 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 after reportedly serving time on a probation violation related to a weapons charge.

Bennett "decided that his first act of freedom would be to attack and physically assault Correctional Officer Michael Maratea while attempting to take his car and phone in the prison parking lot," said Local 159 President Lorenzo North.

Bennett was reportedly in critical but stable condition after being shot once in the chest during the attempted robbery of the 66-year-old guard, reportedly in self-defense. The guard was also hospitalized and treated for head and neck pain.

North said he has complained for years to prison administrators about safety concerns in prison parking lots, which are

used by staff and inmates' families and visitors.

"Correctional officers currently park next to inmates' families and have to receive threats and verbal abuse while going to work. This is a dangerous situation," North said. "No other prison allows visitors to park with correctional staff but the Philadelphia Department of Prisons."

Maratea, a correctional officer for 27 years, had just gotten off work around 11:04 p.m. when Bennett allegedly tried to rob him. The two struggled, and North said that Maratea shot Bennett after he tried to grab Maratea's firearm.

No mugshot of Bennett was available, as he remains hospitalized, but he has been formally charged with robbery, attempted theft, unlawful taking, simple assault and reckless endangerment, police said.

This last stay was his seventh time in a Philly jail since 2011, according to the Philly Department of Prisons.

North, who also believes that Philly corrections officers should not be required to live

in the city where they may come in contact with former inmates, now wants prison administrators to change the parking rules.

"The incident with Officer Maratea happened numerous times, when correctional officers meet ex-inmates on the street, at the market, while going to church, while taking their kids to school and out to dinner with their families," North said.

The Department of Prisons did not respond to requests for comment on Local 159's complaints.

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LOVE Sculpture will debut vibrant new look

The LOVE Park sculpture is finally coming back to Philly, and for the first time it will finally look as the artist intended.



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Philadelphia's LOVE sculpture is one of the city's most iconic pieces of public art.

The Robert Indiana sculpture was installed in 1976 and is so popular that the entire park at 16th and JFK where it used to sit is known far and wide as LOVE Park (technically, its name is "JFK Plaza").

Despite its popularity with Philadelphians and tourists, for de-



The LOVE sculpture by Robert Indiana will finally return to its home in Philadelphia on Feb. 13. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

cades it's been painted wrong — until now.

"In 2017, the artist's representative informed the City that Philadelphia's LOVE was originally purple, not blue,"

the city's Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy acknowledged Monday, explaining that a mix-up with color codes on the sculpture resulted in it being in-

correctly repainted during restorations in 1988 and 1998.

"Photos from the Temple University Archives of the Bicentennial were found that

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again confirmed the purple hue," Arts and Culture said in a press release. "The correction makes Philadelphia's version of Indiana's iconic LOVE unique, as it is the only one with purple color."

The new, correctly-painted LOVE sculpture will make a very grand return to its home in LOVE Park Tuesday, just in time for Valentine's Day on Wednesday.

City officials will parade the LOVE sculpture through the city, starting in Fairmount and making seven stops on its way to re-installation at its corner near 16th and JFK.

The fact that the parade will happen just days after the Eagles' Super Bowl victory parade is a coincidence, according to spokeswoman Carrie Leibrand. The LOVE sculpture parade has been planned for months.

"I think everyone will be very happy with two parades within one week of each other," Leibrand said.

LOVE Park itself has technically been un-

der renovation since a ground-breaking in February 2016, but unforeseen complexities delayed its reopening from last spring to December 2017 for Christmas Village. The park is open to the public, but a few more finishing touches like fresh plantings are still in store. Once completed, an official celebration and reopening of the park will be held later this spring.

"You're just going to see it get better and better as the year goes on," said Parks & Recreation spokeswoman Jennifer Crandall. "You can sit on a bench and have your lunch in the park even before the grand re-opening."

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Barack and Michelle Obama participate in the unveiling of their official portraits at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. GETTY IMAGES

Obama jokes about ears, gray hair as official portraits are unveiled

The Obamas both expressed awe at their portraits, noting that they were the first people in their families to ever sit for an official painting.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama joked about his ears and gray hair and praised his wife Michelle Obama's "hotness" at the unveiling of the couple's official portraits at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery on Monday.

The Obamas tapped artists Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sutherland for the paintings, which will be

added to the National Portrait Gallery.

Wiley and Sutherland were the first black artists ever commissioned to paint a president or first lady for the Smithsonian.

For his portrait by Wiley, Obama is depicted sitting in a brown chair with a backdrop of bright green leaves. Michelle Obama's painting shows her sitting with one hand under her chin and the other draped across her lap, while wearing a long flowing dress decorated with geometric shapes.

Obama, who was the first African-American U.S. president, complimented Sutherland for her portrait of Michelle.

"I want to thank you for so spectacularly cap-

turing the grace and beauty and intelligence and charm and hotness of the woman that I love," Obama said.

He quipped that Wiley, who painted his portrait, was at a disadvantage because his subject was "less becoming."

"I tried to negotiate less gray hair and Kehinde's artistic integrity would not allow him to do what I asked," Obama said. "I tried to negotiate smaller ears — struck out on that as well."

Michelle Obama said she hoped the portrait would have an impact on young girls of color in the years ahead.

"They will look up and they will see an image of someone who looks like them, hanging on the wall of this great American institution," she said. "I know the kind of impact that will have on their lives, because I was one of those girls."

The Portrait Gallery's tradition of commissioning presidential portraits began with President George H.W. Bush. REUTERS

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Michelle Obama

INFRASTRUCTURE

Trump unveils infrastructure plan; uphill battle awaits in Congress

President Donald Trump unveiled a long-awaited infrastructure plan on Monday designed to encourage spending on improvements by states, localities and private investors, but it faces an uphill battle in Congress and he made remarks that called into question

how hard he will fight for it.

Trump asked Congress, controlled by Republicans, to authorize \$200 billion over 10 years to spur a projected \$1.5 trillion in road, bridge and other projects to rebuild what he called "America's crumbling infrastructure."

The proposal came under immediate fire from Democrats who said it would put a huge burden

on local governments without providing enough federal dollars, and officials acknowledged that it faces a tough road ahead.

Trump, who has promised a major infrastructure plan, said he looked forward to working with lawmakers, but added, "If for any reason they don't want to support it, hey, that's going to be up to them." REUTERS



President Trump has moved to increase the privatization of space. NASA

Trump wants to shut down space station to prep for private space

One of President Trump's visions for the American space program is to turn the International Space Station into a kind of strip mall, with various private companies taking over pieces of the station and its functions as the federal government defunds it within seven years.

Quartz reports that Trump's 2019 budget shifts NASA's focus to deep space, increasingly relying on private companies to provide other aspects of the space program, such as ground-to-space communications and moon landings.

Trump wants to end federal funding for the International Space Station by 2024 and, beginning with 2019, create a \$150 million program to prepare private companies to take over functions on the ISS or replace it with their own space stations. Companies such as Bigelow Aerospace and Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin have been agitating for the move for years.

The 2019 budget includes funding for new partnerships to land robots on the moon, increase spending on deep-space probes built by Boeing and Lockheed Martin and new crafts built by Boeing and Musk's SpaceX that are

scheduled to take astronauts to the International Space Station in 2020.

To pay for that, the budget cuts \$100 million in ISS funding, ends NASA's independent education program and slashes funding for Earth science.

It's far from certain that the president will get his way. Last year, Congress essentially ignored Trump's 2018 budget proposal — with its massive cuts to many domestic programs — and funded most programs at their current levels. Interna-

"As a fiscal conservative, you know one of the dumbest things you can do is cancel programs after billions in investment when there is still serious usable life ahead."

Sen. Ted Cruz

tional agreements would complicate any essential redefinition of the ISS. Boeing now operates the ISS for NASA for \$4 billion a year, and it's not eager to lose the contract. And there is reluctance in Congress to cut ties with the International Space Station after the U.S. government has spent billions of dollars and decades invest-

ing in the project. "As a fiscal conservative, you know one of the dumbest things you can do is cancel programs after billions in investment when there is still serious usable life ahead," said Sen. Ted Cruz, who called the proposal the product of "numbskulls" at the Office of Management and Budget. **MICHAEL MARTIN**



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'The Ritual' is the Netflix horror film you should be watching

Director David Bruckner on adapting the book for the screen.



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Taking a shortcut in a horror movie is always a prelude to disaster. Especially when it's through a forest that just happens to be haunted by a Nordic god.

That's exactly what happens in Netflix's latest, "The Ritual," in which four friends find themselves battling the supernatural as they just try to find their way through the trees and back to safety.

Based on Adam Nevill's 2011 book of the same name, "The Ritual" is evocative and increas-

ingly haunting, but it isn't completely faithful to its source material.

Over the phone, director David Bruckner says it wasn't an easy book to adapt — especially because the media are inherently different.

"The experience of the book is very much in Luke's head," Bruckner says. "The nature of the prose means that you could wander into that, his memories, and what he was like with these guys when they were younger."

"That's juxtaposed against the life-and-death survival that the guys are going through," he continues. "The experience of the book oscillates back and forth between the memory of their friendship and their current ex-

perience.

"To do that in the movie probably would have been too arthouse, and the momentum of the story would have been challenged by that amount of backstory."

Bruckner, who says the influences on the film range from "Deliverance," "Predator" and "Wicker Man" to Ben Wheatley and Steven Spielberg, made



Rafe Spall taking on the supernatural in "The Ritual," out on Netflix now. [NETFLIX](#)

these alterations to make sure that the narrative was always driving forward.

"So we set out to create an event on the front end

of the movie that the audience could experience, then that would charge the group of friends with a similar problem," Bruckner says. "The book was very much how Luke's friends had lost faith in him and this was a different way to do it."

Not all of Bruckner's suggestions were received so positively. Admitting there was a bit of a culture gap, Bruckner points out that he was still an American trying to tell the story of four British friends lost

in the woods.

"I loved the banter of the script, the way that they joke amongst themselves," he says. "But I had a lot of help from the actors and producers developing it."

"A lot of times I would come up with an idea and everyone would shake their heads at me, and say, 'You can't do that, mate.' I thought it was reasonable to rob a store with a cricket bat. They told me that would be funny in all of the wrong ways."



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7 of the saddest/most shocking TV deaths

We cried more at the loss of these characters than we did for Grandma.



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If you're a living, breathing human, you watched "This is Us" after the Super Bowl, and are likely still surrounded by Kleenex following Jack Pearson's death (oops — spoiler alert?). We all knew it was coming — they've been priming us for it from the very beginning — but it still hurt. Like, really hurt.

And not since the death of beloved "Sesame Street" shopkeeper Mr. Hooper (the kids' show used the actor's death as an opportunity to explore the complicated subject rather than writing him off the show) has the passing of a fictional



Poor Barb. NETFLIX

character hit a collective TV audience so hard. Unless, of course, one of the following bucket-kickers struck you in the guts.

Gran, "True Blood"
Come on, HBO, how are you going to kill off the only truly pure person in all of swampy, vampire-ridden Bon Temps? Poor Gran (aka Adele Stackhouse) was in the wrong

place at the wrong time, and hit all the wrong notes for a lot of HBO viewers.

Barb, "Stranger Things"
When you really think about it, Barb was actually not that cool. But there was something about Nancy's uber-nerdy BFF that entranced the internet and, after her untimely death, turned her into a

meme and unlikely icon. Poor Barb never got any credit (or play), and her last moments were spent sitting alone outside a party she got dragged to so her thirsty bestie could get some action. Shame! #JusticeForBarb

Hodor, "Game of Thrones"
Speaking of "shame," there are too many

shocking deaths to count on "GoT." Main characters gasping for their last breathes are as commonplace on HBO as a gratuitous boob. And while Ned Stark's public beheading was a close second, we were most gutted by poor Hodor's demise. The big guy deserved better. At least we finally figured out what he'd been saying!

Marissa Cooper, "The OC"
If there's a more devastating scene than that of Ryan Atwood carrying Marissa's lifeless body down a dark road as Imogen Heap's cover of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" swells, we'd like to hear about it. Damn — that was emotional.

Rita Morgan, "Dexter"
There were two camps when it came to serial-killer-with-a-conscience Dexter's sweet wife, Rita. Some found her innocence and simplicity a little insipid; others adored

her. Regardless, you have to admit you did NOT see her bloody bathtub death at the hands of the Trinity Killer coming.

Denny Duquette Jr., "Grey's Anatomy"
Like "Game of Thrones," people died on the regular in this show. It was set in a hospital, so, yeah. But Denny's passing was particularly tragic because the dude finally gets his heart transplant and then dies of a stroke? So unfair. Plus, even though Izzie was kind of annoying, we were really rooting for those two.

Zoe Barnes, "House of Cards"
Zoe was a journalist of questionable morals and professional ethics, but she was also young and kind of spunky. So, while we were never quite sure how to feel about her, we were nevertheless blindsided when she was, er, blindsided by the Metro.

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Pink peppercorn shortbread cookies

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With Valentine's Day tomorrow, many of us are either feeling the pressure of pleasing our partner or feeling down and out for being single. The good news is that this holiday can be a lot more lighthearted and meaningful—if you change your mind-set just a smidge. For some insights, Metro caught up with Dr. Chris Fariello, a couples therapist and Director of PHIIRST.

What's with all the Valentine's Day pressure? It's a tricky holiday that's usually a mixed bag of emotions. People, by nature, have a tendency to focus on what's not work-

ing and what they don't have rather than paying attention to what's going right. This ties into Valentine's Day because couples may feel undue pressure to prove how much they love or value each other by how much they celebrate, which is ridiculous! More often than not, expectations go unmet, which leads to conflict and ultimately greater distance in the relationship. It doesn't have to be this way.

What's the best way for couples to celebrate? Every relationship is different, but the best starting point is to open the lines of communication.

What are your expectations? How would you love to spend Valentine's Day? This increases the odds that the expectations will be met. It has a lot to do with understanding each other's "love language," which is something the therapists at PHIIRST specialize in. This means loving your partner in ways that they feel love, rather than what they think love is. This is the best way to build emotional connection.

What if one person in the relationship isn't into celebrating? Some people don't like the hype (not to mention

the cost) of the holiday and may not be keen on celebrating. That's OK! By no means is that an indication that they're unhappy in the relationship. But I do encourage these folks to celebrate their relationship on other days in ways that leave their partner feeling loved and valued. As for the person who'd like to celebrate Valentine's Day, they can still do something special for their significant other. It's nice to give, even when we don't receive.

What about the single people? Single folks often feel left out of the holiday,

which isn't fair at all. Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love. It can be shared with friends, family and even our beloved pets. Make it a day of loving expression and be thankful for what you have, rather than focusing on what you don't. And remember, you can always love yourself!

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Local hockey journeymen hope to deliver underdog story for Team USA

A trio of Philadelphia-area ice hockey players are representing the USA in the Olympics.

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Philadelphia has been the pinnacle for recent underdog success stories, and a trio of locals are hoping to keep that mentality going for Team USA in a year in which no NHL players will be participating in the Games.

Ryan Gunderson (Bensalem), Chad Kolarik (Abington) and Brian O'Neill (Yardley) will be donning the red, white and blue with every intention of bringing home a medal, even if no one is expecting them to do so.

"Our team will play with a lot of passion and pride for the USA crest," Kolarik said. "That will be evident from game one, because we never will get this chance again."

With no current NHL players allowed to play in the Olympics, that left the



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Team USA selection committee looking overseas to find its talent. While there won't be any household names playing in the tournament, outside of former NHLer Brian Gionta, when the Americans open play on Wednesday against Slovenia, the "replace-

ments" are eager to show the world their talent.

"I think we can show that we are a talented group of hockey players," Kolarik said. "It's a fine line between making the NHL and not, a lot of the guys on this team have the talent to play in the

NHL. You will see a fast, skilled team from Team USA."

Kolarik, who played his high school hockey in Pittsburgh after moving from Abington, has played six career games in the NHL between Columbus and the New York

Rangers. The 31-year-old has since bounced around Europe between various leagues, including the KHL and Swiss-A.

Since graduating from Germantown High and then Yale, O'Neill went on to play 22 games with the New Jersey Devils before moving over to the KHL. The 29-year-old defenseman also spent six years in the AHL.

Gunderson, who attended Holy Ghost Prep, never got his shot at the NHL but has strung together an impressive journey between the ECHL and AHL before heading over to Europe.

The latter still recalls waiting around for that phone call after playing in a tryout tournament overseas in which the Team USA officials spent much time scouting.

"It's tough to put into words at this point," Gunderson said. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime, and I have a huge sense of pride being able to put on the USA jersey and play in the Olympics."

"It's been a long journey for me. I was an

average college player and worked my way up through the minor leagues and found my way over to Sweden. I've managed to play five seasons in the top professional league in Sweden and two years in the KHL."

All three players know the odds are stacked against them. The odds-on favorites are Russia, who will be suiting up former NHL stars who left to play in the KHL, Pavel Datsyuk and Ilya Kovalchuk. After that, Sweden, Canada and Finland will likely fall next in line.

"It's a short tournament so you have to be sharp right from the beginning and be willing to play whatever role comes your way. From a team perspective we have to come together as a group really quickly and have a good start; the field seems really wide open," Gunderson said.

"Obviously we are an older group with the NHL dream behind most of us, so being able to play for Team USA is probably the highlight of my career," Kolarik said.

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a chorus of "Fly Eagles Fly," as those Cowboys jackwagons cry into their Lone Stars.

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There will be NFL Network specials on the Eagles that you'll save on the DVR. Nick Foles and Carson Wentz will throw out the first pitch at the Phillies opener. There will be lovefests at the open training camp scrimmages (here's hoping the Eagles increase the number). From Cal-

lowhill to Conshohocken to Cancun you'll nod at fellow fans everywhere in championship swag.

The title-winning team usually holds its ring ceremony around June. It may be a private affair, but you'll get to watch coverage. My hunch is that owner Jeff Lurie springs for jewelry the size of a bagel, with the Eagles logo in emerald green, surrounded by 52 diamonds.

In August, Dawkins and Terrell Owens get

inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A midnight green sea of fans will engulf Canton, Ohio just as a tsunami of Phillies red overtook Cooperstown when Richie Ashburn and Mike Schmidt got baseball immortality in 1995.

Of course, the best night will be Thursday, Sept. 6 as the regular season kicks off with the defending champions playing at home. The NFL tries to schedule a compelling opener, so I'm guessing we'll see an NFC title game rematch, with the Vikings coming here under new offensive coordinator John DeFilippo.

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- 19 Hoarse
- 20 Atlas and Prometheus
- 22 Monotony
- 24 Walrus tusk
- 25 Swells outward
- 26 Small change
- 27 Second thought
- 28 Pita sandwich
- 32 Not cheerfully
- 34 Impostor
- 35 El – (inferior item)
- 38 Was rife with
- 39 Pistol fights
- 40 Flashes of light
- 43 Move merchandise
- 44 Dress style (hyph.)
- 45 Chair or bench
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- 55 Rewards for bravery
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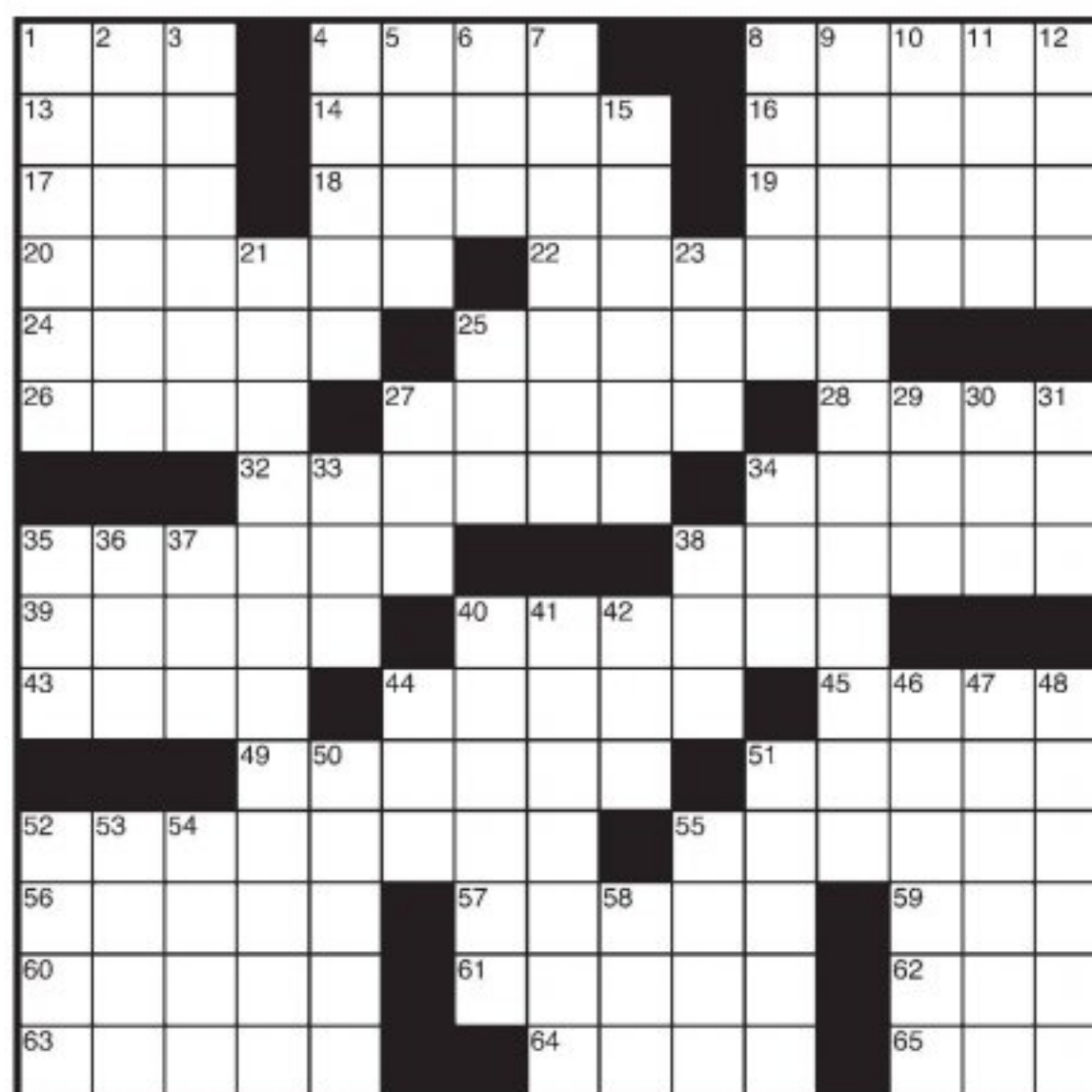
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- 65 Sullivan and Murrow

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- 4 Roman naturalist
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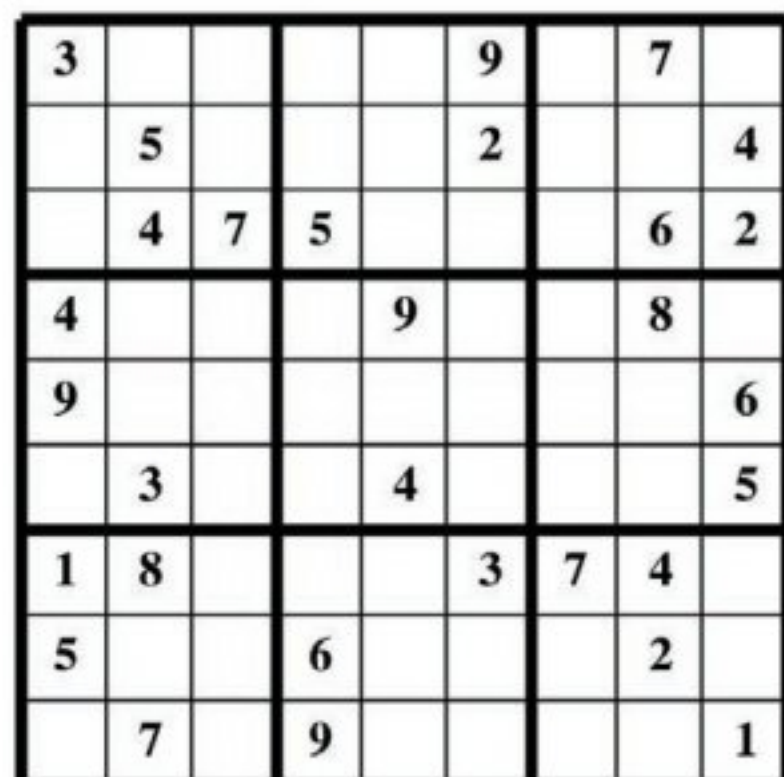
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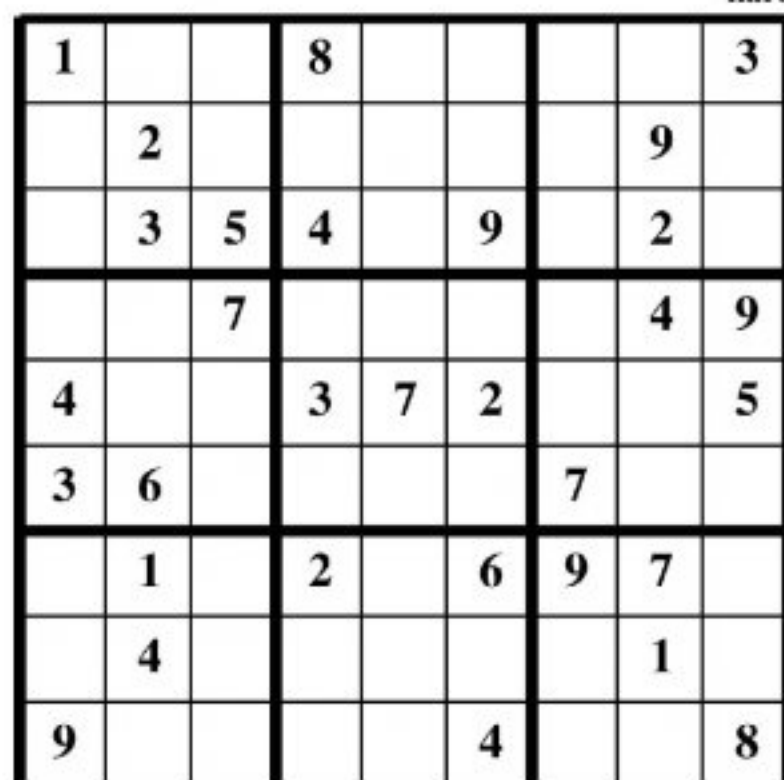


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Aries Making an impulsive decision in an emotional situation will lead to regret. Wait to see how things unfold before you make promises or take action. Know your boundaries.



Taurus Evaluate partnerships carefully to equalize your position without upsetting a relationship. Change can be good when it enhances what you are trying to achieve.



Gemini Business trips, meetings and negotiating on your own behalf are favored. Present what you have to offer, but don't embellish the results you are hoping to achieve.



Cancer Take a practical path. Trying to do the impossible will leave you looking bad. Using what you already have and being resourceful and budget-conscious will be rewarded.



Leo Get work responsibilities out of the way without complaint to avoid criticism. Gauge time spent and make sure you are receiving enough in return to make it worth your while.



Virgo Don't let confusion lead to a messy argument. Listen carefully and follow instructions to avoid making a mistake. Hard work and diligence will pay off.



Libra Use your intelligence to convince others to recognize the value in what you are trying to do. Don't back down when you should be moving forward.



Scorpio It will be difficult to hide your emotions. Try not to get upset by what others do or say. Focus on creative endeavors and personal changes. Accept the inevitable.



Sagittarius Look over personal papers and make sure everything is in order. New tax credits should be looked at carefully. Stick to rules and regulations to avoid problems.



Capricorn Fraternize with people who can help you get ahead. Don't be afraid to be different or to offer a perspective that will make others engage in your conversation.



Aquarius Refrain from getting involved in someone else's plans. Overspending or trying to keep up with your neighbors or friends is not favored. Live within your means.

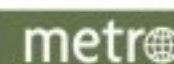


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